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GOVERNOR APPOINTS RONALD YOSHIDA TO COMMISSION

Governor Cayetano has appointed Ronald R. Yoshida to the Hawaii State Ethics Commission. Mr. Yoshida is the Transportation Manager for the U.S. Army Garrison at Schofield Barracks. He is also a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves and serves as Comptroller for the Army Reserve Command in Hawaii. Mr. Yoshida's term on the Commission runs to June 30, 2001.

Oahu Workshops (869 Punchbowl Street, Keelikolani Bldg.)

January 22	July 23
February 12	August 13
March 19	September 24
April 16	October 22
May 21	November 5
June 18	December 17

COMMISSION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1999

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission has elected Leolani Abdul as the Commission's chairperson for 1999. The Commission also has elected Carl Sakata as its vice chairperson for 1999.

The current members of the Hawaii State Ethics Commission are as follows:

Leolani Abdul, Chairperson
Carl Sakata, Vice Chairperson
Kirk Cashmere
Bernice Pantell
Ronald Yoshida

1999 ETHICS WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Ethics workshops will again be offered to state employees on Oahu and the neighbor islands in 1999. The workshops will be conducted by one of the Commission's staff attorneys and will cover the major provisions of the State Ethics Code. Topics will include gifts to state employees, the misuse of state office and state resources, and conflicts of interests. Dates and locations for ethics workshops are as follows:

Neighbor Island Workshops

Big Island

Hilo (Hilo Airport)	February 9 June 15
Kona (Keahole Airport)	May 4 September 7

Kauai (4398A Pualoke Street,
Dept. of Agriculture) April 13
August 17

Maui (Maui Memorial Hospital) March 2
July 6

Molokai (65 Makaena Street,
Dept. of Labor and
Industrial Relations) October 5

The ethics workshops run from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The workshops are open to all state officials and employees. There is no registration fee, but seating is limited and registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis. To register for an ethics workshop, contact your department personnel office.

The Commission encourages all state employees who have not attended an ethics workshop to register for one of our workshops this year.

Reminder to Lobbyists: Lobbying expenditures statements are due on February 1, 1999, covering the period from May 1 through December 31, 1998. Expenditures statements must be filed by lobbyists, persons who spend \$750 or more (excluding travel costs) in any six-month period lobbying, and persons who employ or contract for the services of lobbyists.

STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES BEGIN FILING 1999 FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

The Hawaii State Ethics Commission recently mailed financial disclosure forms to over 1,600 state legislators, department heads, board and commission members, and other state officials and employees who are required each year to file financial disclosure statements. Filers must report on their disclosure statements information about sources and amounts of income, ownership interests in businesses and real property, officer and director positions, clients represented before state agencies, and other financial interests.

The completed forms are due on June 1, 1999. Persons who do not file their financial disclosure statements on time will be fined \$50, and may receive additional daily fines for continued failure to file.

Many officials and employees have already started filing their annual disclosure statements with the Commission this year. We applaud these early filers!

Reminder to Financial Disclosure Filers: Disclosure forms are due on June 1, 1999. Don't forget to sign and date your forms. Thank you for filing early!

Did you know. . .

. . . that the Hawaii State Constitution (Article XIV) requires all elected officials, all candidates for elective office, and other public officials and employees as provided by law to file financial disclosure statements? In addition to being a requirement of the State Ethics Code, financial disclosures by government officials are a constitutional mandate.

Next Issue: How do you spell C-O-N-F-L-I-C-T?

What is a "conflict of interest" according to the State Ethics Code? What should you do if you have a conflict of interest? Read the next issue of The High Road and find out!

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